

KIPDA DISTRICT EARLY INTERVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING

May 22, 2006

Minutes

K.I.D.S. Center, Louisville, Kentucky

Members/Designees Present: Angie Guest, Shawna White, Julie Leezer, Ann Finney, Mona McCubbin, Becky Skrine, Eileen Deren, Sandy Milburn, Sue McGill, Ann Phillips, Barbara Borie, Jill Lemmenes.

Members/Designees Not Present or Represented: Carrie Bearden, Christie Dwyer, Lynn Webster, Michele Harmon, Jon Lee, Karen Pass, Cindy Holmes, Melinda Atkins.

Staff Present: Alicia Dailey and Cathy Moser.

Guests Present: None.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	April minutes were reviewed. By email, Sue McGill stated that she was not on the Jeff Co. Early Childhood Interagency Agreement Committee, although she is interested. Her name should be removed from the list of participants on the committee.	Alicia will make correction.
Point of Entry Report	Shawna White reported for Cindy Holmes. <u>Referrals:</u> 181 for April. <u>Child Find:</u> 1) Fran Woodward – annual Bullitt County Community Baby Shower; 2) Mary Vorseth – Cornerstone Child Care in Bullitt Co. <u>Issues:</u> 1) The requirement to achieve consensus on the Developmental Status Scale (DSS) between the primary level evaluator and all assessors prior to the initial IFSP has been rescinded. ISCs are to use the PLE scores. <u>Shortages:</u> Shortages are beginning to be a critical issue for KIPDA, as well as many districts in the state. 1) OT/SLP with feeding expertise – all counties; 2) DI – Bullitt and Jefferson counties; 3) SLP – all counties; 4) OT – rural counties.	

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Technical Assistance Team Report	Program Consultant Report: Alicia Dailey reported. 1) ICC nominations: Sarah Walker had emailed the DEIC chairs to see if the nominees that had been presented last year were still interested. Sarah needs the names, categories, addresses and phone numbers. Barbara Borie stated that our nominees from last year were Melinda Atkins, Shawna White, Liz Schumacher and Mona McCubbin. Barbara asked about a job description. Cathy Moser said that we need parents who are not providers. 2) DEIC contributions toward Marge Allen and Jim Henson Awards: Sarah Walker asked each DEIC to contribute a small amount toward these awards. Shawna White indicated that the amount would be about \$10 to go towards the plaques. 3) Infant Toddler Institute: Robin McWilliam will be presenting at this conference. 4) Budget: In response to a question posed by Eileen Deren, Alicia responded that as of May 10 th , 83% of the year had elapsed and 71% of the money has been spent. Some of the contracts haven't billed for the whole year. We will be within budget again this year. The federal government cut Part C funding by 1%. There will be a decrease in state money from the Tobacco Settlement funding stream - it wasn't a significant amount. Assurances have been made that the shortfall in federal and state funds will be made up by state general funds and agency funds. This means that contracts that the state has made for next year will either be flat-funded or decreased in order to keep full funding for services for children and families.	1) Barbara Borie will check to see if the nominees are still interested in serving on the ICC. 2) Becky Skrine will check with a prospective parent.
Provider Fair	Angie Guest reported. Sixty-five (65) people have registered. The deadline is today. People are still sending in registrations. We are still short of the usual 100 registrants.	
Treasurer's Report	Angie Guest reported. 1) Everything has been straightened out with the Clifton Center. The state is covering the certificate of insurance liability piece. 2) We will use up all of the grant money from the state. Sandra Duverge has spent some money on stamps.	
ICC Evaluation Subcommittee	Angie Guest reported. 1) The consensus issue (regarding PLE's and assessors' rankings on the DSS) was a big problem and concern. Angie took the DEIC statement of concern and made a recommendation to Meredith Brown that ISCs use PLE scores for the DSS before the initial IFSP meeting. 2) The committee is	

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	<p>working on different eligibility pathways. The state wants the committee to proceed with its development – they have ranked this as top priority for the Evaluation Subcommittee. There would be a different pathway for established risk children, premature children, children with Autism, children with Down Syndrome, children with hearing and/or vision impairments, etc. Experts in evaluation in each pathway would train people in appropriate evaluation and assessment. The initial evaluation and assessment would have meaning. There would be recommended best practice, but no “stamps.” Flexibility would still be maintained. The appropriate service(s) would be recommended at the appropriate time. The committee will pull in expertise for areas in which they do not have expertise.</p>	
Transition Update	<p>Shawna White reported. At the last Jefferson County Interagency Transition Committee meeting, there was a conference call with Brenda Mullins regarding the Jefferson Co. pilot interagency transition agreement for all children 0-6. Julie Leezer stated that in the draft of the agreement, the current First Steps plan was put into the community plan. She is willing to email it to DEIC members. The plan is good through June 2008. Shawna said that Brenda would like the DEIC chair to sign off on the plan in June. She is willing to come to our DEIC meeting or do a conference call. Julie said that every child will have a transition plan but it heightens the awareness about transition from birth to 6. Eileen Deren added that it also adds awareness about programs that are available for children under 6. Julie went on to explain that First Steps and JCPS are looked upon as lead agencies. The transition committee will meet once/year. They will complete surveys.</p>	<p>Julie Leezer will email the final draft of the Jefferson Co. Early Childhood Interagency Transition Agreement and the community transition plan (2 separate documents) to DEIC members who give her their email addresses. She will also check with Brenda Mullins and let us know if she is coming to our next meeting.</p>
Other Issues	<p>Some DEIC members expressed concern about the difficulty in hiring new people; the process can take 2-3 months. The freeze (contract moratorium) makes it more difficult. A suggestion was made that seasoned providers should be able to sidestep some of the steps and go to the next orientation. The provider enrollment process is not friendly for agencies but is friendly for independents. It is difficult to replace people who leave – some are becoming independents, some are going to other agencies for better benefits/pay. Mona McCubbin asked if the First Steps orientation could be done on line. Alicia responded that there</p>	

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	will be more web-based training. There will still be a face-to-face orientation but it will be focused on practice rather than lecture. Anne Bolly is working on this. It may be a while before we see changes because we still do not have a training coordinator.	

**Next meeting: June 26, 2006, 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Board Room, K.I.D.S. Center, 982 Eastern Parkway**

Agenda:

Treasurer's Update

Provider Fair

Review of Jefferson County Early Childhood Interagency Transition Agreement